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Docket No. 4178/0L166

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Hidetoshi FUKUOKA; Nobuaki TAKAHASHI

Serial No: 09/730,706

Examiner : Theresa T. Snider

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Art Unit: 1744

For: ELECTRIC VACUUM CLEANER

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231
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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified patent application upon which prosecution is closed.

1. The issue fee in this application (check one):

Has not been paid;

Has been paid, and this request is accompanied by a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.313.

2. This request is accompanied by the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) and a submission in the form of (check one):

Consider the amendments(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on . (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)

Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .

An amendment of the description, claims or drawings;

A Request for Reconsideration containing new arguments;

A Request for Reconsideration submitting new evidence of patentability;

An Information Disclosure Statement;

Other (specify)

3. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of months. The required fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) is enclosed.
(Suspension not to exceed three months).

4. A Petition for Extension of Time accompanies this Request.

A check in the amount of \$750 is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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